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My dear Admiral Hillenkoetter:

The matter of jamming by the USSR of Voice of America broadcasts was dealt with at a recent meeting held by the Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs with consultants of the Army, Navy, Air Force and Central Intelligence Agency under NSC-4. The Central Intelligence Agency was represented at the meeting by Mr. Theodore Babbitt.

The basic problem was that of securing all possible intelligence on Soviet jamming operations and techniques through the coordinated use of the facilities of U. S. Departments and Agencies.

It was agreed that under the provisions of NSC-4 primary responsibility for gathering and collating such intelligence should rest with the Central Intelligence Agency.

Enclosed is a specific questionnaire in quadruplicate indicating the intelligence required by the Department of State in the matter of Soviet jamming.

I have also sent copies of this questionnaire to the Secretary of Defense and the Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission and have requested that any intelligence bearing on the subject of jamming be sent to the Central Intelligence Agency for collation and analysis.

I shall appreciate the cooperation of the Central Intelligence Agency in this matter, which is clearly of far-reaching and significant importance.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

DEAN ACHESON

Enclosure:

Questionnaire (4 copies)

State Department review completed

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